



Glasgow 18th March 1873

Sir

I have the honor to forward to you enclosed

A Correspondence I have had with Mr Besant

Inquiries for the Iron of which Mr Besant Complains And I send to you by train to night a full sized Model of the part of the ship objected to

Mr Besant insists that the Reverse frames must be pliced to the Main frame with a closeness at the floor end which ship Iron will not stand and in consequence the Reverse frames at the bolt holes for securing the Ceiling have in some instances Cracked as the Model shows. There are 108 frames and 14 holes on the one side and 19 on the other side have Cracked. all of them at the floor end

At the time Mr Besant first objected only a part of the frames were turned and a few of them rivetted but at the date of his letter 12th March in which he wished New Reverse frames in place of those having a hole Cracked, all the frames were bent and one half were rivetted

To Cut these frames asunder the Length Iron would not stand it and I have never known such a remedy

asked for a frame in which a hole is cracked

In the majority of instances nothing is done for a cracked ceiling bolt hole the injury having been considered so immaterial and in those instances in which anything has been done the remedy so far as I know in all building yards under special survey has been the one I have adopted and which is shown in the Model sent to London

Either less close flying must be accepted as sufficient in light angle irons such as that of this ship or ship iron will not stand without an occasional cracked hole

I have never before had occasion to appeal to you on such a matter but as this question is of extreme importance to me I request you will do me the favor to ask Mr Waymouth to come north and survey for himself - If you say I should do so I will gladly pay Mr Waymouths Railway fares
I have the honor to be

Sir
Yours Most Obedt Servant
J. G. Laurie

To the Secretary
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His Iron Ship
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